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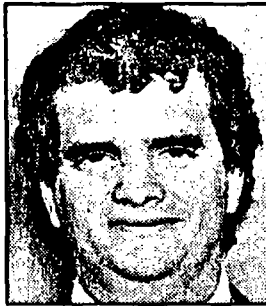
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## VOICES/Would you place limits on the government's funding for the arts?



**Joyce I. Anderson, 38**  
Mailing supervisor  
Memphis, Tenn.

Yes. It's fine if an artist pays for obscene work on his own. But as a Christian and taxpayer, I don't want to see a crucifix in a glass of urine passed off as art. The government should fund art within reason. There's no sense in paying for something like that when the money could go to a better cause.



**Ken Roberts, 27**  
Studio operations mgr.  
Sacramento, Calif.

No. I wouldn't place limits on government-funded art because it could lead to other restrictions. I would probably hate some of the art, but our country is based on freedom of speech. Maybe there should be some kind of age requirement for people to see art that's considered obscene.



**Roger Weber, 45**  
School principal  
Budd Lake, N.J.

Government funding of the arts is necessary, and I don't think we should stop it. But there's a limit and a level of decency that we have to reach. If you don't put limits on art in advance, then you can't criticize the results. If you expect a level of decency, then you've got to spell that out in advance.



**Susie Harman, 60**  
Homemaker  
Prairie Village, Kan.

No. I would think that the National Endowment for the Arts is representative of all phases of arts, and it's not up to me how to judge it. I have my own personal opinions, but it's hard to determine what art is. We need to be educated by all kinds. Art would be very boring if it were one particular style.



**Todd Boughton, 27**  
Sales clerk  
Ceresco, Mich.

You have to have guidelines to make sure the art doesn't offend everybody. But no matter what you do, you're going to offend somebody. The government doesn't have a role in saying what's art and what's not. But it does have a role in preserving art. I'd pay all the money in the world to take care of quality art.



**Audrey Faden, 48**  
Artist  
Alexandria, Va.

The only limit I could see is that if an exhibit that's deemed obscene is in a public institution, then there should be a warning so people are able to make that decision for themselves. Otherwise, I would not place limits. There should be freedom of expression. Restrictions limit people's view of life.